Approval of EOUs and EPs

8213. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have revised the approval for the 100 per cent EOUs and EPZs;

(b) if so, the details of such changes;

(c) whether any steps are proposed to be taken to revive the existing EOUs and EPZs; and

(d) the details of proposals to activate the existing EOUs and EPZs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) an (b). A scheme to grant automatic approval within 15 days to set up 100 per cent Export Oriented Units and Export Processing Zone units has been in existence since September, 1991. However,, w.e.f. 19-4-1995, the said scheme has been liberalised broadly by enhancing the limit for capital goods import from Rs. 3 crores to Rs. 10 crores; allowing import of second-hand goods; and reducing minimum value addition for unspecified industries from 35 per cent to 20 per cent, except for electronics hardware for which 15 per cent minimum value addition has been prescribed.

(c) and (d) Review of policy and procedure is an on going process. The growth of exports from Export Oriented Units/Export Processing Zone Units has been quite good.

Voluntary Retirement Scheme

8214. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of employees from Public Sector Undertakings who have taken advantage of the Voluntary Retirement Scheme as on date;

(b) whether Government are aware that most of the employees seeking Voluntary Retirement under the scheme spend their money on drinking, gambling and feasts and soon come on the roads as paupers;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to invest part of the due they receive under VRS in profitable bonds or some other scheme so that they do not become pauper or bankrupt after availing themselves of the VRS; and

(d) if not, what remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) (a) As per the available information 1,01.295 employees in 135 Central Public Sector Undertakings have opted for the Voluntary Retirement Scheme till 31-3-1993.

(b) to (d). To safeguard the interest of the employees who availed of Voluntary Retirement Scheme with the assistance from NRF, the agencies like LIC, HDFC and UTI have been directed to formulate suitable investment plans/schemes for such workers. These agencies have formulated/introduced various investment options/schemes for the rationalised workers, which have been circulated to all the concerned Central PSUs.

Disinvestment of Maruti Udyog Ltd.

8215. SHRI O. P. KOHLI:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from Maruti Udyog Ltd. to further disinvest the 50 per cent share of Government to private investors thereby allowing Suzuki Motors Company, Japan to hold more number of shares;

(b) whether the Maruti Udyog Limited is running in profits.

(c) if so, what are the reasons for further disinvesting;

(d) whether the employees of Maruti Udyog Ltd. have submitted a memorandum to him in this regard and observed two days token strike; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRTY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The memorandum refers to newspaper reports that a proposal has been submitted to Government regarding disinvestment of Government equity. But the fact is that Government has not received any such proposal.

National Renewal Fund spent in Andhra Pradesh

8216. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds under National Renewal Fund spent in Andhra Pradesh in 1994-95;

(b) the details of such programmes implemented in 1994-95 in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the proposals for 1995-96 in Andhra Pradesh to be implemented under National Renewal Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Assistance from the National Renewal Fund was provided in 1994-95 for funding VRS payments in Central Public Sector Units and for worker retraining/redeployment programmes. According to the information supplied by Central Public Sector Undertakings/Administrative Ministries, a sum of Rs. 251.17 crores (Provisional) was disbursed for Voluntary Retirement Scheme in Central Public Sector Undertakings including those in Andhra Pradesh. Further, a sum of Rs. 1.00 crore was spent in worker retraining/redeployment scheme including those in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) An amount of Rs. 300 crores has been provided in the Budget Estimates of 1995-96 for implementing NRF Schemes including those in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Tax holiday for entrepreneurs in Dadra and Nagar Haveli

8217. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consequent upon the grant of concessions like "Tax Holidays" to entrepreneurs desirous of setting Small Scale Industries in Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, a large number of entrepreneurs have got their units registered in the Union Territory for texturing and dyeing, plastic industry and IMFL bottling and blending;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether all these SSI units have not got licence to start their units from UT Administration resulting in loss of excise duties to the Administration and by when all these SSI units will get permission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) According to information received from Dadra and Nagar Haveli Administration, consequent to the grant of concession of "Tax Holiday", 45 and 3 provisional SSI registrations for setting up of small scale plastic and yarn texturising industries respectively have been granted. Dyeing industry is not permitted in this Territory as it is a pollution prone industry. One